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ONE CENT

TWO DEAD FROM AN ACCIDENT

Gasoline Tank Explodes in Monessen Mill With Fatal Results

ONE MEN WERE INJURED

By the explosion of a gasoline tank at the open hearth department of the Pittsburgh Steel Company in Monessen last Saturday afternoon two men were killed and nine more or less injured, some of them seriously.

The Dead.
Frank Roman, aged 39, married, decapitated.

Mike Bennett, 40, badly burned about the face, head and hands. Taken to the Memorial hospital, where he died Saturday evening.

The Injured.

Heff Duffy, 38, single, burned about the arms and face.

John Mroczek, 40, married, burned about the head, face and hands, condition serious.

George H. Hunt, 38, married, burned about the legs, face and hands.

Thomas Scammon, 38, single, burned about the head, face and hands.

Wade Rastern, 42, burned about the legs and serious.

John Skelly, 41, burned about the head and hands.

Mike Bezolo, 23, single, burned about the face, arms, leg and back.

Frank Hale, 49, married, not seriously injured; returned to Monessen after having his injuries dressed at the hospital.

Edward Egan, 25, married, burned about the head and face.

The men were part of a rigging gang which was working on repairs to one of the open hearth furnaces. A small gasoline tank on wheels was furnishing fuel for a cutting torch, when the gasoline in the tank was ignited from the flame of the torch because of a leak, resulting in an explosion which caused the death of two of the men and injuries to nine others. Some of the men were badly burned, three of them seriously, while the others escaped with but slight injuries.

The injured were cared for at once at the mill's temporary hospital after which they were taken to the Memorial hospital in Monongahela for treatment. One of the men, Bennett, died after being taken to the hospital. A small fire took place after the explosion, but no material damage was done to the mill.

Go to Stevenson's for lunch. 1716*

THERE IS STILL TIME TO HELP THE RED CROSS

You still have a chance to help take care of the boys who are fighting for you. The Christmas Drive has been continued for two weeks. I wish to announce that section 10, from Fourth to Seventh street, from Crest to Woodland avenue, has contributed \$94. If there is anyone who would like to help make this \$100 please call local phone 322-A, before 8 a. m., at noon, or after 7 p. m. and I would be glad to call on them. In case you are not able to raise me leave name with central.

Mrs. R. J. Humbert.

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STEAMBOAT PRICES ARE MOUNTING HIGHER

It is said the Carnegie Steel company have been trying to purchase the steamer Slack Barrett of Cincinnati, but the price asked for the boat may prevent any deal being made. The owners of the steamer are said to have asked \$165,000 as the selling price, showing that steamboat sailing is being held at a premium at the present time.

AN APPEAL FOR HALIFAX SUFFERERS

Having spent a month during 1912 and a similar period during 1916 supplying the pulp of the North Street Christian church of Halifax, N. S., Canada, I am in a position to know somewhat of the scene of that great calamity of early last month.

Halifax has one of the best harbors in the world, and is the gateway to the Dominion. The Canadian government at the present time is expending \$95,000,000 on deep water piers, so that the largest vessels in the world can dock there.

Upon my first visit to the now stricken city I looked upon the graves of 138 unknown victims of the "Titanic" disasters. While there on my last visit I met at the wharf on the ill-fated steamer Stephano, Attorney D. M. McCloskey, whose vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine about a month later. I could write a story about the beautiful English city of Halifax and its good and wholesome folk, but I must hasten to the point. The following postal cards received by me from my friends Mr. L. A. Miles, manager of the National Drug and Chemical Co. of Halifax, will be a sufficient appeal to the generous people of Charleroi to respond to this great need and call to relieve suffering.

"You haven't doubt heard of the terrible calamity that has befallen our city. I am glad to say that Mrs. Miles and I escaped injury; our house only had the windows and doors broken, although two miles from the scene of the explosion. The church building was badly wrecked and some ten or twelve members killed."

Mrs. L. A. Miles writes—"Dear Mr. Duty—Your Christmas card received today. May you have a happy new year. I am in hopes that any one who realizes our terrible affliction will do their best to take up a collection for us. I am asking you to see what you can do. Our church is about gone. Mr. Wallace, our elder, lost his wife, one child lost an eye, and he practically is ruined financially. We have lost 12 members by death, and nearly all have lost friends as well as their property."

If any our our people are inclined to make a contribution to these sufferers, it can be left with me, and I will be glad to forward it to Halifax. Rev. E. N. Duty, 609 Lookout avenue.

Marble and Granite Display

Two car loads of granite and marble monuments, just unloaded, are now on display at the show room of the M. T. Crowley Marble and Granite Works, 325 McKean avenue. 133-ft*

Notice to Taxpayers.

All taxes must be paid before February 1st, 1918 or the tax collector will collect same according to law. 1 70-ft*

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A Questionnaire On The New Income Tax Law

Superintendent T. L. Pollock is in receipt of a letter from C. G. Lewellyn, collector of internal revenue for the Twenty-third District asking that the teachers of the Charleroi schools be permitted to give a few minutes each day to Income Tax instruction, with the idea that the pupils will carry the information home with them and give it to their parents. The city authorities of Pittsburgh have already started a movement of this kind and Collector Lewellyn hopes that other districts will follow in their wake, that a general knowledge of the requirements of the income tax levy may become general. The questions and answers to which public school students are asked to give attention are as follows:

Q.—Who is the Collector of the 23rd district and where located?

A.—C. G. Lewellyn, box 51, Pittsburgh.

Q.—When must I file a return?

A.—On or before March 1, 1917.

Q.—Where must I file the return?

A.—With the Collector of Internal Revenue at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Q.—Where can I get blank forms of returns?

A.—At the office of the Collector.

Q.—What period must my return cover?

A.—From January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917.

Q.—Who must file returns?

A.—Every single person having a net income of \$1,000 and every married person \$2,000.

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GEN. COULTER NOW ON DUTY IN FRANCE

Gen. Richard Coulter, former commander of the old Tenth Pennsylvania; now the 110th U. S. Infantry is now in France on

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MUST BE SPIRITUAL FIRST

The war is not to be won by words, however fine, says the New York Times. We shall not break a German bastion or take a Prussian trench by the finest eloquence we may employ. The defeat of Germany will be attained only by the combined sacrifices of all American citizens, in the army and out, men, women and children. In the great testing of a nation which is the modern form of war the victory must be spiritual before it can be military. No nation can win which does not have within its population millions of men and women who, perceiving the issues which are at stake, willingly, unhesitatingly, without hope of reward, or fear of suffering, give that which they have to give.

As the devil tempted the fasting Christ the German tempts the war weary world; there are provinces and profits enough for all. If only we will recognize the supremacy of the Prussian doctrine and the men who made the Belgian tragedy possible, who have marked their march from one end of Europe to the other with the blood of innocent victims and the ashes of the churches of the ancient world.

In large measure the deciding voice in the months which are to come will rest with the American people. Alone of all the allies we still have unshaken resources. They are weary with their great labors, we are fresh in the field. They have suffered from almost incredible sacrifices, ours have hardly begun. They will fight on to the end, the territory which means liberty for us, if only they see in our faces the reflection of a determined spirit and the mark of a resolved mind. We are to be reserves of civilization, we bring with us the material weight to win, and we must bring the moral weight, too.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

Reports from Nebraska indicate that same states should change their laws with reference to the laws permitting their residents to vote. In that state it has developed that thousands of Germans who have taken out their first papers and who have been voting for years, are now claiming exemption from military service on the ground that they are alien enemies. In one small county there were 736 such claims, with larger counties showing claims in proportion to their greater population.

These men, who suddenly claim to be exempt because they are not citizens, have been taking part in the making of the government of Nebraska for years and now when their services are asked by the national government they set up the plea of not being a citizen, and hence not compelled to do military service.

The one thing Nebraska, as well as other states having similar regulations ought to do, is to repeal such laws immediately and compel every man to be a full fledged citizen before he is permitted to vote. Thus every resident, regardless of what country he came from, would have to qualify with full citizenship papers before he would be permitted to take part in governmental affairs. The state of Nebraska and the United States have protected these German residents for years, and now when they are asked to do their duty, they hide behind the fact that they are not full-fledged citizens and are therefore exempt. They are certainly "slackers" of a very low brand.

A DRAMATIC DAY

During the days of the Commonwealth in England and throughout that country's great civil war, Jan. 4 was annually commemorated as marking the first victory in the long struggle between King and Parliament. This date was often called the "Day of the Arrest of the Five Members"—a designation scarcely correct, for the M. P.'s were not arrested, although that was not the fault of Charles I. It was 276 years ago on the day that the King and his followers enacted one of the most memorable dramas of English history when they invaded Parliament

House with the intention of placing under arrest Pym, Hollis, Strode, Haselrig and Hampden, the five members who had been largely responsible for the Grand Remonstrance, in which all errors and follies of the monarch were exposed. Charles hoped by visiting summary punishment on the five men to stem the impending insurrection and restore his full royal authority. There were traitors even among the king's supporters, however, and a lady of the court warned the five men in time for them to make their escape. Only a short time elapsed before the King had appeared with a large body of armed men, but he entered the chambers accompanied only by his nephews. His questions as to the whereabouts of the five men brought no answers, and the King left raging. Shortly afterward the unfortunate monarch fled from Whitehall, by the loss of the year the civil war was commenced, and in January seven years later Charles was executed.

THE LEWIS GUN

In an issue of the London Graphic last month in which the uses of the machine guns on the fighting front were pointed out quite graphically, and the details of the guns well illustrated, appeared the following paragraph concerning the Lewis gun, invented by Col. Isaac N. Lewis, a native of Fayette county and rejected by General Crozier of the Ordnance department.

"The most notable example of the air-cooled weapon is the Lewis gun, invented by Col. I. N. Lewis, Co. 8th Artillery Corps, United States Army, and now in general use by the allies. Its ingenious rifle derives sufficient energy for its operation while the bullet is passing from a gas-port to the muzzle during the minute period of one nine-thousandth of a second. Consisting of forty-nine parts, it can be dismounted, using only the point of a bullet, and its recoil is so slight that it can be fired when held in arm's length. Its lightness, dependant on the air-cooling system, renders it of great use in an advance battle. The Maxim is useful chiefly in consolidation and defense."

General Crozier was not satisfied with the tests of the Lewis gun. The allies were so weary, and the paragraph above was written after the Lewis gun delivered the goods, through three years of the hardest kind of fighting the world has ever seen.

Personalities and red tape are bad enough in times of peace, but to permit them still to thrive in Washington after eight months of war is a national disgrace.

BE TRUE TO SELF

Some one has said, and said well, "Until you are true to yourself you are at best a failure." This is as true today as it was centuries ago. The man or woman who is not true to self must inevitably be a failure, as far as the larger part of life is concerned.

Hundreds of times, in different ways, has this truth, enunciated by the Bard of Avon, been expressed.

"To thine own self be true, and it shall follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not be false to any man."

To be true to self is living from within; expressing the real self in the daily living; being genuine, instead of pretending to be.

In this workaday world it is personality that counts. And the counterfeiter never yet had the genuine thing. Self-development is nothing more than cultivating that which is our own—not putting on the garb fashioned after some other personality.

Boys Drowned, Cat Escaped.

The tables were turned in a tragic manner at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, recently when two young boys who attempted to drown a cat at the request of the animal's owner—were themselves drowned in a small bay about three miles from the city. The cat struggled when the lads tried to hold its head under the waves and before the boys realized their danger they were swept out to sea by the outgoing tide. The cat escaped from the water and returned to its old home.

Utilizing Rice Hulls.

Experiments have been made with rice hulls in combination with different binding agents, but while the resulting briquets gave every satisfaction from the standpoint of heating, yet the initial cost of the various binding agents made their cost too high for practical purposes. The experiments, however, are being continued, and it is hoped that in the future a briquet can be manufactured that will be satisfactory from an economic standpoint.

Fertile Land Untouched.

The mountain regions of Cuba include many ridges and valleys of extremely fertile land, nearly all untouched, and existing practically as they did before the time of the Spaniards.

BETROTHAL OF THE JUNGLE

Maiden and Intended Each Supposed to Meditate on Advisability of Union Before Ceremony.

A second hearing of tomtoms thundered through the barrier. The bride was coming! From an avenue made for her by women of the tribe slowly crept the tiny figure. It was draped in the richest eastern stuffs; jeweled with gold and bangles tinkled merrily. A lady of the court warned the bride to recognize her beloved Papita.

So they she approached; fearfully she raised her eyes to the man who awaited her, for the Papito Stuart writes in St. Nicholas. Her little feet felt, and Papita leaped heavily against the woman who supported her.

But at that moment Papung gave a strange whistle, three soft notes of a human bird floated over the barrier and Papita became suddenly alive. Again the notes stole through the jungle. The bride threw back her veil.

"The unwilling maid seems to have forgotten her vow," said one scornful woman to another.

The priestess commenced the ceremony that was to last all night. It was filled with weird chants to which Papita responded with renewed vigor. But her eyes furtively glanced toward a spot near the curve of the creek where a slender reed swayed unceasingly.

After several hours the priestess led the way to the water and Ynoch placed Papita in her gaily vinta and pushed her out into the stream. He got into another and the two boats nosed each other while the crowd showered them with oils and perfumes. When the command came to part, the boats shot off in opposite directions. A maiden and a bridegroom are each supposed to meditate, in Oriental fashion, on the advisability of the union before the final ceremony; so read the Dyak marriage laws.

AMERICANS' ONE GREAT IDEA

Happiness Has Principal Charm—The People Are the Most Idealistic and Imaginative.

"The Americans are the most idealistic and imaginative people in the world, and the most prosaic, because like Wordsworth, the most prosaic of poets, they believe in happiness, and happiness to them as to Wordsworth means 'mens sana in corpore sano,' every one efficient in the tasks of modern life, the least heroic of doctrines. "I met a young American poet, handsome, and besides elated by winning some prize or other for a poem. He said to me in his arrogant way that poetry is a by-product of life. Why, I said, 'it is life itself.' 'I don't agree with you,' was all he condescended to reply. This young man expressed the American idea."

"I think the English dislike of theories, etc., through their long history is because of their poetical minds and their preoccupation with personality and its freedom."

"The taste for scenery has this advantage over the taste for human nature; the heart is not bruised. Yet since scenery is never absurd as are poor mortals, neither is there laughter nor genial pity. We love scenery principally because the feelings it creates are tranquil and easily controlled so that we can enjoy our full measure of self-content; dealing with human nature the poet cannot be the superior person nor can he be proud." From the Letters of John Butler Yeats.

About Cork.

A good, sound cork is something worth taking care of and using properly. Never "waggle" a cork out of a bottle. That is the best way to break or at least spring a crack in the cork. Remove the cork with a turning or twisting movement, always in one direction only, i. e., not a twist one way and then in the opposite way. Replace the cork with the same twist as when removing it. Never lay a cork down on a dirty, splashed table. If it must be laid down, stand it on its crown or top. For bottles containing liquids in use, e. g., developers, etc., attach the cork to the bottle thus: Pass a crochet needle through the top of the cork, and with its aid draw the end of a piece of fine twine right through the cork, and tie this end of the string round the neck of the bottle. So adjusting matters that the cork just falls to reach the table (i. e., bottom of the bottle) when the cork and string are free. This saves the cork getting lost in the darkroom.

Makes Eggs Tell Their Age.

A novel and rapid way whereby to determine the age of an egg has been developed by M. Grossfeld, a French investigator. He has supplemented the usual method by one dependent on specific gravity, notes the Boston Transcript. The existing way whereby to determine the age of eggs is by candling them and taking note of the "mirage" which forms about the yolk. Mr. Grossfeld has determined that specific gravity of normal eggs, in the way attributed to Archimedes, and there has been figured out the loss in gravity for each week of keeping. For quick inspection of qualities of eggs, he has devised a form of hydrometer. The egg takes the place of the weighted bulb and the scale indicates the specific gravity and at the same time the age of the egg. A little cage has been arranged to hold the egg and is capable of quick handling. Big eggs and little eggs are subject to errors in the readings, but with eggs in the vicinity of 55 grammes the indication is instantaneous.

REATH FOR ENEMY AVIATOR

Scotch Flyer Who Brought Down German Delegated by Royal Flying Corps to Deliver Flowers.

A true incident that reveals the respect shown by allied aviators for the memory of a daring enemy flyer is told in "Tales of the Scouts," by Edgar Wallace, writing in Everybody's. Tam, an intrepid Scotchman was told that the man he had brought down the day before was a well-known German aviator named Von Zedlitz, and on behalf of the Royal Flying Corps Tam was selected to take a wreath to the funeral.

"The wreath, in a tin box, firmly corded and attached to a little parachute, was placed in the fuselage of a small Moineau—his own machine being in the hands of the mechanics—and Tam climbed into the seat. In five minutes he was pushing up at the extreme angle at which a man can fly. Tam never employed a lesser one.

Evidently the enemy scout realized the business of this lone British flyer and must have suggested his views to the earth, for the anti-aircraft batteries suddenly ceased to fire, and when, approaching Ludezeel, Tam sighted an enemy squadron engaged in a practice flight, they opened out and made way for him, offering no molestation.

Tam began to plane down. He spotted the big white-specked cemetery, and saw a little procession making its way to the grounds. He came down to a thousand feet and dropped his parachute. He saw it open and sail earthward and then someone on the ground waved a white handkerchief.

"Guid," said Tam, and began to climb homeward."

JONES HAD A POOR MEMORY

Husband Blamed Wife for Not Turning Off Gas in Stove—Forgot He Shut Off Meter.

Speaking at a dinner, Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska referred to the beauty of having a good memory, and fittingly related this story: At eight o'clock in the morning one day last summer the Jones' took trunks, grips and suitcases, and hustled for the railroad station. Twenty minutes later a taxicab dashed up to the Jones house and out jumped Jones.

"What's the matter, old man?" asked a kindly disposed neighbor. "Forget your railroad ticket?" "No," answered Jones, showing symptoms of peevishness. "My wife left a kettle of water boiling on the gas stove. Didn't think of it until we reached the station. You can always depend on a woman to have a memory like that."

So saying, Jones unlocked the door and hastened into the house. In about two minutes he came out again with his features puckered into a peculiar twist.

"How did you find it?" cheerfully asked the neighbor. "Sizzling to heat a locomotive, I suppose." "No," guiltily answered Jones, "I had forgotten that I had turned the gas off at the meter."

Seattle Becomes Island.

They have been making Seattle look something like New York, only in the process Seattle gets a water front of more than 130 miles as against New York's 43 (that is, Manhattan's), says Boys' Life. This winter you will "bound" Seattle like this: "Seattle is bounded on the east by Lake Washington, deep fresh water about 25 miles long and three to five wide; on the south and west by Puget Sound (salt); and on the north by the new deep water lock canal, completed at a total cost of nearly \$5,000,000. To say nothing of the cost of regrading the streets, building new bridges, and doing other things to adjust the city to the change." The change includes the dredging of the new waterway to Lake Union in the very heart of Seattle. The two lakes named are nine feet above the waters of the sound at high tide. The new canal will take the largest merchant ships afloat, which is doing enough, for it's only the ships afloat that count.

Sanitary Fountains.

An investigation of drinking fountains at the University of Minnesota, carried out by the state board of health, led to the rather startling result that the 77 fountains in use at the university, most of which belonged to various supposedly "sanitary" types were found to be improperly constructed to prevent contamination by the consumer, according to the Scientific American. The principal defect was the vertical discharge of the water, making it necessary for the consumer to place his mouth directly over the point of discharge. It was found that the majority of persons drank with the lips touching the nozzle. The investigators devised a new type of fountain in which the discharge is at such an angle that there is no possibility of water falling back from the mouth upon or near the orifice.

A Unique Suggestion.

A constable in a Vermont town recently rounded up a number of hobos. "Come along," he said to them, "you have all got to have a bath."

This announcement was, of course, received with considerable perturbation, especially by the eldest of the men. "What?" he exclaimed. "A bath! A bath with water?"

"Sure thing," said the constable. "Look here, Mr. Constable," said the apprehensive one. "Couldn't you manage it with one of them vacuum cleaners?"—Case and Comment.

Acids Endanger Ships.

Shipmasters dislike carrying drums of acid where they cannot be reached readily. A Chilean ship, the Japan Adventure, says, recently put in at the Falkland Islands leaking badly. Her cargo was made up of drums of acid and chalk. The acid had leaked from the drums and mixed with the chalk, forming carbonic acid gas in the hold. This gas is deadly and the crew could not make repairs. Meantime the acid had gathered at the bottom of the hold and eaten away the iron frames of the ship.

Courtesy and Appreciation.

To make courtesy popular it must be shown that it pays, pays in dollars and cents as well as in happiness, an exchange says. Appreciation makes for greater effort and creates one of the most valuable assets and builds up a spirit of team work. Much good always results when people think more about their obligations and less about rights. There are many discouraged hearts everywhere that would be helped wonderfully by a word of appreciation.

Three Hands.

One of our famous lecturers used to say some people had three hands, a right hand and a left hand and a little behindhand. The fifth wheel to a cart is frequently mentioned as an example of uselessness, but the third hand is worse than useless, it is a serious handicap, observes a writer. All of us need to keep our right hand busy, and most need to teach the left hand to do its share, but a little behindhand should be promptly amputated.

To Mend Marble Ornaments.

To mend marble ornaments, plaster of Paris, finely powdered, is soaked in as much saturated solution of alum as it will absorb. The mixture is baked in a slow oven, and when hard it is ground to a powder. This powder, mixed in water and applied like plaster, sets very hard, will take a very good polish, and, if properly colored, makes a capital imitation of any kind of marble.

Gaza, a Place of Trade.

In almost every particular the modern Gaza is an Egyptian rather than a Syrian town. It is full of rich vegetation, and its many glistening minarets show up against the dull green of innumerable olive trees. Gaza is still, as of old, a place of trade, of camels and caravans, and its bazaars are loud with traffic and filled with merchandise.

Songs of the Heart.

The finest music of the greatest orchestra on earth cannot help a heart along to happiness as the songs do that the heart sings to itself—songs of cheer, of patience, of trust, of unselfish love. These make the melody of life, and grow stronger and sweeter by practice year by year.—Exchange.

Little Angel Present.

A primary teacher, admonishing little Ann, who usually was a model child, for misconduct, said: "I thought I had a little angel in the room. Now where is she?" Little Betty, on the other side of the room, stood up meekly and shyly answered: "Here I is."

Who Gets the Kiss?

"Since you worked your examples so nicely," said the pretty teacher, "I shall give you a kiss." "Teacher, I didn't know there was to be a reward," responded the honest urchin. "It's only fair to tell you that my big brother did them sums."—Life.

Cake Annoyed Him.

Engene, who is just beginning to learn he should not eat cake before his meal, was seated at the table when suddenly he saw a cake on the buffet and remarked: "Oh, my! Tover up dat take till I eat my tatoes."

The Moment of Triumph.

One never knows when he has won in an argument until he hears his own views advanced by the man who opposed them six months before.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Fools the Pickpockets.

An automatic clamping device prevents a wallet falling from a man's pocket and even will defy pickpockets who do not know how it is operated.

Flames That Give Off No Heat.

A French scientist, who is keeping the details secret, claims he has invented a flame derived from electricity that will not give off heat.

Pump With No Valves.

For pumping heavy liquids a Welsh inventor has designed a combined piston and rotary pump with no valves that can be easily clogged.

Production of Talc.

New York produces more than half of the talc in the United States, with Vermont in second place.

Green Dye.

The juice of the stalk and leaves of nettles is used to dye woolen stuffs a brilliant and permanent green.

Remember the Golden Rule.

Remember to do unto men what you would have them do unto you.

CAUSE OF TIRED FEELING

Complaint, Common With Many People Every Morning, Due to Pressure of Too Much Purin.

The familiar condition in which one wakes up in the morning, after a good night's rest, with a dry mouth, spirits depressed, feeling tired, aching all over, was explained by Dr. Nathan Rosewater of Cleveland in the course of a discussion at a recent meeting of the American Medical association. He said such a person will go ahead and do a hard day's work and feel better as the hours pass, until in the evening all signs of trouble have gone. Such a person often had severe pains in the abdomen, the muscles of which were extremely sensitive; but the more they were pressed the less sensitive they became.

This condition is not, as often believed, due to intestinal toxemia, or poisoning of the blood by the products of imperfectly digested food, but to the pressure of too much purin in the system.

When the foods that are rich in purins are given up the sufferers rapidly improve. They were never really fatigued, their symptoms being merely a simulation of fatigue.

Auguste Rodin.

A keener interest in more and more aspects of humanity, a readiness to find more and more kinds of men and women worthy of plastic representation, a preference for expressiveness to traditional beauty, a love of life because it is life—by these tokens we may know Rodin for a modern of the moderns in his day, who made the spirit of his time incarnate in marble and bronze. Like every artist who begins by outraging our love of the familiar, he ended by forcing some of us to revise our definition of beauty, says the New Republic. Even those who most passionately deny that his beauty is beauty can never see quite as they would have seen if Rodin had not lived. He makes them less at ease in presence of the conventionally noble, even when excellent in its kind; reveals a humanity which cannot reach us through the conventionally noble without an effort. Those wrappings of nobleness hid something from us. Was it truth?

It Can't Be Done.

Few know better than Vincent Taber the utter absurdity of trying to please the women of today. From evidence presented in the Court of Domestic Relations, writes a New York correspondent, it appears that he has at no time tried it, but the demands made by his wife have convinced him that there would be no hope anyway. The matter in consideration was a means to keep Mr. Taber at work, a means to force him to provide \$3,200 a week for his wife's support and a means to terminate his desperate struggle to drink a harried world dry. "Aw judge, nothin' can be done," admitted the somewhat tearful defendant, "as long as yuh can't make money enough to satisfy all the highfalutin' ideas of the women. Two months ago we wuz all right again an' everything goin' good, when Minnie made me move to a house, what had a bathtub in it. We ain't had a day of happiness since."

To Induce Sleep.

When trying to induce sleep it is well, observes an authority, to put away all serious thoughts and try to get the mind into a pleasant, elevated state. Some people make a habit of reading before retiring, but too often one reads on until eyes and head ache. As a result the following morning the eyes are bloodshot and bulging from the overstrain and the individual has lost the necessary amount of rest because of this enforced strain. It is most important that the ventilation of the sleeping apartment be attended to, that there is clear, fresh air circulating. Windows should be raised from the bottom and lowered from the top also, so that the air may circulate freely. The question of whether it is healthy to sleep with a pillow or without one has been debated many times, but a happy medium is recommended as the most comfortable one.

Beet and Wheat Food Value.

That there is more food value in one acre of beets than in four of wheat is the contention of German agricultural scientists.

A Question.

Why don't we get wrinkles instead of wrinkles?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Cupid Makes Early Call.

An American professor who has spent his life investigating and has collected the evidence of 1,703 young people, declares that both sexes start being wounded by Cupid's darts at the age of three and that a woman's love reaches maturity at twenty-two and a man's at twenty-four.

Velvet-Making.

Velvet was developed and originated from fur in China. Thence velvet-making was introduced into India, and in the fourteenth century into Italy, where that sort of fabric especially appealed, and where the art of velvet-making reached its height.

Endurance of Reindeers.

The reindeer is said to be able to endure more fatigue than any other draft animal except the camel. It has been known to pull 200 pounds 10 miles an hour for 12 hours.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

WE WILL GIVE NO TRADING STAMPS AFTER JANUARY 31st

Take advantage of our Great January Clearance Sale to fill your books. The Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense has requested retailers to eliminate every expense possible. In line with this suggestion we have, among other important changes, decided to discontinue giving stamps. We feel that our customers are entitled to a reasonable notice, so we will therefore give stamps on all cash purchases up to and including January 31. Fill your books this month and take advantage of the great saving of this sale.

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War Dangers

During a great international war, such as we are in at present, we are prevented from taking ordinary precautions to guard against the transmission of disease. Notwithstanding the great interchange of men from

all parts of the world we have more communicable diseases in our midst than ever before. This behooves the individual to look out for himself, otherwise he is apt to fall a victim to one of the miserable diseases which are being carried by men from

all parts of the world.

In some of these places from which we are importing labor, chronic and disabling diseases are very common. For example, trachoma and ulceration of the mucous membrane of the eye which is easily transferred from one to another, which terminates in blindness. It was only a short time ago that our Government had to return a lot of laborers who came from one of the most infected trachoma centers in the world. Many of these men had gone to restaurants for their meals. Their fingers were infected from rubbing their ulcerated eyes and from these fingers they imparted this disease, trachoma, to the fork spoons and knives and frequently to the cups and plates, often deeply fissured with cracks where the ordinary washing in cheap restaurants is not sufficient to disturb the germs which produce the disease.

Every individual, therefore, eating at a public restaurant should enter a protest against cracked cups and plates that this one source of danger might be eliminated.

When you are wearied from overwork, feel listless and languid, can't sleep or eat, as you should, you are getting run-down—an easy prey to dangerous disease germs. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea—nature's herbs—should be taken without delay. Hennings Drug Store.

Bowels clogged, sick headache, no fun is it? Why not have hat happy face, red cheeks that come with good digestion? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes the bowels work regular, natural—makes you feel like new. Take it tonight. Hennings Drug Store.

Warning.

Owing to electricity eating through our pipes and the ground being frozen to a much greater depth than usual escaping gas is likely to get into sewers. All persons are warned to be especially careful about having fires or lighting matches in cellars or wherever escaping gas is detected. In case any odor of gas is detected, the gas should be shut off at the meter immediately, extinguish all fires and lights, air out the premises and notify the gas company at once. Greensboro Gas Company. 171-16

Please Return Chairs.

Will the party who borrowed chairs from me before Christmas kindly return them as I am urgently in need of same.

Lawrence B. Frye

172-11

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FOR SALE—A twelve room house with a six room house in rear. Rents for \$52 per month \$3700. Peoples Realty Company. 166-11

FOR SALE—Barber shop with three chairs. Inquire 1014 Fallowfield Avenue. 171-16

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. 101 Fallowfield Avenue. 164-11

FOR RENT—Five room flat. Inquire 118 Fallowfield Avenue. 171-12

WANTED—To rent house with modern conveniences in or near Charleroi. Address 66 Mail office. 151-19

WANTED—Bookkeeper. Apply between 6 and 8 any evening to the Peoples Store, M. Messen, Pa. 165-11

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 330 Washington Avenue. 167-11

WANTED—Men between 21 and 40 years for conductors and motor-men. Apply 9 a. m. to 12 noon 8 Bank of Charleroi Building. 167-112

WANTED—Young man for clerk for mine near Ellsworth. Can use Ellsworth streetcar line. Good salary. Address Acme Coal & Coke Company, Fulton building, Pittsburgh Pa. 171-13

WANTED—Young lady clerk for wall paper store. Apply 312 Fifth Street. 172-13

WANTED—Girl for general housework. One who can go home at night. Address 81 Mail office. 172-11

LOST—Camp Pike picture on Fallowfield Avenue between Fourth and Seventh Street. Valuable to owner. Finder return to 80 Mail office and receive reward. 171-112

LOST—A ring containing one door, two Yale and two small flat keys. Finder kindly return to Bell Telephone business office and receive reward. 172-11

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY—If you would be interested in an investment of from \$100 to \$150 where exceptional returns are assured address 79 Mail office. 172-11

CHARLEROI MAN ILL IN MILITARY HOSPITAL

A telegram from Ottawa, Canada, says that F. McHugh, of Charleroi, is ill in one of the military hospitals in France. The telegram does not give the location of the hospital, merely saying he is ill.

PERSONALS

Edmund Riva has returned to Washington and Jefferson College after spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riva.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Long of Fallowfield Avenue a son, James Ewing.

Miss Pearl Fleming visited at Pittsburgh Sunday.

Miss Mary Timmins who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Guiser of Washington Avenue, during the holidays has returned to Seton Hill Conservatory. Miss Bertha Guiser who is a student at Seton Hill, also returned after visiting with her parents.

Ernest Darbritz has returned to Washington and Jefferson College after spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Otto Darbritz of Crest Avenue.

Ship of the Desert.

Because of its peculiar swaying motion in walking, the camel has been called the "ship of the desert." This title may also have some reference to the extreme stupidity and passivity of the animal, says Popular Science Monthly, which submits to great loads, which it will often carry for days at a time without stopping for food or drink, with no more urging than a ship would require from the hands of its pilot.

The manner in which the drivers hobble the camels when they stop for a rest is interesting. They do not depend upon stakes driven in the deep, yielding sand, but simply double back and tie one end of the forelegs of the animal, so that it can lie down, rise up but cannot move from the spot.

Such a Name!

A college professor in California has discovered a mineral hitherto unknown to science, which he has called "crestmoreite," because it was found at Crestmore. We are told by way of description, says the Providence Bulletin, that it is "a new hydrous basic of orthosilicate, containing small amounts of other oxides in place of silica," which leaves us altogether in the dark as to whether we shall soon be using crestmoreite as an improved stovepipe material or wearing it as a watch chain.

Use Uncle Sam

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POWER OF JOY RULES WORLD

Pain, Declares Woman Lecturer, Should Never Be Resorted to in Correcting Unruly Children.

A woman is lecturing in the East on "The Influence of Joy." It is also an attack on the influence of pain, which parents so much resort to in the management of children. She declares, according to the Ohio State Journal, that pain should never be resorted to to make children good, and, hence, she advises that all spankings and whippings should be eliminated.

There is nothing in pain to reconstruct a child. Joy is the only medium that should be used. Make a child happy, instead of sad, is the gospel of child training. The power that lived, moved and ruled the world, she said, was the power of joy; and this was the influence the parent should use in training the child. "This is not the way of parents. The rule is to whip the child to make him good. It cannot result that way. A kind word and a gentle association are far more powerful than a rod or any other method for producing sorrow or pain. The other day we heard a mother shout to a little boy: 'I'll skin you alive!' That is enough to make a worse boy out of a bad one. The 'mild power wins' is an old adage and every parent should take it to heart.

Kissing.

An optimist holds this pleasant prospect out to engaged couples: "Unmarried couples kiss and forgive. Married couples kiss and declare a truce while the heavy artillery is being moved up."—Kansas City Star.

Word From Br'er Williams.

"Pay as you go" is a mighty good principle, but de price has got you goin' so fast you des throw 'em de money an' holler: "Keep de change!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Aspen Wood for Matches.

Aspen wood is used almost exclusively in making matches in Sweden, as it is easily cut and porous enough to be readily impregnated with sulphur or paraffin.

MOTHER GAVE THIS DELICATE CHILD VINOL

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Fatigue and Toxin.

The idea that fatigue is due to a specific toxin, as suggested by Weichart early in the century, has been a popular one, but the late investigation of Lee and Aronovitch at Columbia university shows it to have no good foundation. There is nothing, therefore, to encourage the hope that an antitoxin may be found. In the experiments made with animal muscles, a test muscle suspended in the juice of a fatigued muscle lost much in contractile power, but the juice of a non-fatigued muscle produced substantially the same effect.

Largest Poisonous Reptile.

The Surucucu, known as the bush-master, is the largest poisonous reptile in the world, and is fortunately rare and found only in the depths of the jungle and swamps, where man rarely penetrates. It attains a length of twelve to fifteen feet; the color of its body is rose, or rather yellowish pink, with brown patterns and dots of purple. Its bite is almost always fatal. Its fangs are an inch long and as much as ten ounces of venom have been extracted.

Thought and Faith.

Men who are seeking for knowledge in regard to subjects as to which there can, in the nature of things, be none, might well ask themselves whether there is to be no sphere left in human thought in which faith can operate. It was said of Arnold of Rugby that his mind could rest as quietly in the presence of doubt as in that of discovered truth. It is a great thing to be able to believe where we cannot prove.—Exchange.

Floods in Brazil.

The native inhabitants of Brazil have lately been suffering from the disastrous effects of the flooding of the Amazon, whose relentless waters have submerged the countryside for hundreds of miles around. At regular intervals this mighty river overflows its banks, and a famous traveler estimated that no fewer than 5,000,000 natives have lost their lives during the last five centuries through these terrible floods.

He Didn't Know.

In a murder trial six experts were examined. Most of them had a national reputation. A hypothetical question of 20,000 words, which it required two hours to read, was asked of Doctor Jelley, a Boston expert on insanity. The learned doctor answered the question in three words: "I don't know." A frank answer, but rather perplexing to counsel.—Case and Comment.

Figures Time of Failing Stone.

The time a stone would require to fall the 4,000 miles to the center of the earth has been calculated for the Paris Academy of Sciences, by M. Sanger. Considering the influence of the varying density of the earth, he finds the time would be 19 minutes 15 seconds, but if the mean density is assumed to be the condition, the time would be 79 seconds greater.

Our Rabbits.

The term rabbit was formerly more properly applied to the burrowing species of the old world, *Lepus cuniculus* (meaning to burrow), though by common usage our molly cottontail has so long been termed a rabbit that the name will now stand, as will that of jack rabbit for the big western hare of the prairies and Pacific coast.

Women Better or Worse.

Women, when they are bad, are worse than men and more disposed to commit crime. When the sex which is sweet by inheritance once becomes degraded it falls into greater excesses than the other. Women are always either much better or much worse than men.—Bonaparte.

A Commuter's Ambition.

We'd like to be in a financial position when we take a meal out, as we do once every two or three months with all the regularity of clockwork, to go to some place where "fruits in season" on the menu doesn't mean chiefly bananas.—Ohio State Journal.

Hint to Young Men.

Young men can aid in the conservation of coal and electric current by terminating their calls at a patriotic hour. Besides, every girl needs a certain amount of sleep.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

Typewriting Fades Out.

It has been found that typewriting on parchment deeds is not durable. In deeds deposited within very recent years many lines are illegible and several lines have completely disappeared.

Crayon Will Help.

When someone has knocked a white place in the wall paper copy the proper coloring of the figure with crayons and the spot will not show.

Facial Failure.

He—"Your friend isn't much stuck on her looks." She—"Say, she wouldn't dare shoot her own husband."—Judge.

Scientific Foresight.

"How did the boy get his motor-cycle?" "He seized the cycle-logical moment to ask for it."

HALF-SOLED HER SAVING BANK

Shoemaker Finds Eight Hundred Dollars and Gems in Woman's Shoe —Gets Small Reward.

Business was good with Engle the shoemaker. Many persons had brought many shoes to his shop to be repaired, and his cash drawer was full of strange silver, says the Arizona Republican.

Came a boy early one morning bearing a pair of woman's shoes to be half-soled. The boy departed.

Shortly afterward Engle picked up the woman's shoes. From the toe of one shoe fell a purse, fat and tightly closed. Before the shoemaker had recovered from his astonishment another purse fell from the toe of the other shoe. Two purses, both fat.

Engle opened the first fat purse. There was \$200 in bills.

Then Engle turned to the second purse. From that one came flashing diamonds, necklaces, rings and earrings. More than \$500 worth.

The shoemaker gathered up the bills and the diamonds and put them safely away and turned to his work. Counting the bills or admitting the diamonds wouldn't make money for Engle.

Then a frantic woman burst into the shoemaker's shop. No need for Engle to inquire what she wanted or why she was frantic. The shoemaker knew. The shoes belonged to her and so did the bills and diamonds and other gems. She had taken her safety deposit vault to the shoe shop.

Almost in hysterics the woman recovered her money and jewelry, more than \$800 in all. She clasped the two purses to her and immediately a great relief spread over her. Placing 50 cents in the hands of Engle the shoemaker the woman left the shop. Engle turned to his shoe repairing.

STORMS AND FOREST TREES

Timber Most Firmly Rooted Will Endure Strain Better Than That of Strongest Wood.

It is always interesting to watch the effect of storms anywhere, but in the woods these effects are most varied and remarkable, says a writer.

It frequently happens that a tornado or hurricane will follow a certain course and level only the trees in this line, often leaving from place to place. In such cases all trees in its swath suffer or are blown down; but where there is a general very high wind and all trees are hit with about the same force it may be noted that the best rooted ones and not those of the strongest wood survive.

Wind resistance of the whole tree has also something to do with the bending character of the trunk and branches, for where these give before the force of the storm they permit the wind to slide off. The hickory, above all, will not yield, and consequently receives the hardest strain against its entire top, whether full leaved or bare. It may be commonly noticed that in a mixed woodland, where a hard wind has driven, there are more hickories down than any other trees.

His Apparent Yearn.

"I expect to remain at least two weeks if your accommodations prove satisfactory," said the horse-faced gent. "I wish a room with southern and western exposure. I observe that the railroad runs within half a block of the hotel—you will kindly request the company to refrain from blowing their engine whistles in this vicinity. Persons in adjoining rooms should be cautioned about making unnecessary noises. I wish prompt service at meals, and am especially desirous of having strictly fresh peanut butter, Eata-Bitta health food, distilled water, and—"

"Uh-huh!" nonchalantly returned the landlord of the Petunia Tavern. "What you want, podner, 'pears to be Onija board, not plain village board. Well, the—yaw-w-w-n!—house is full, and I can't accommodate you."—Kansas City Star.

No Crocuses in November.

It should be a consolation to women who have passed thirty to remember that the most beautiful work of human hands—the Venus de Milo—is the statue of a mature woman, comments a writer. All the Venuses, in fact, are represented as mothers. There is not a young girl in the lot. Among the Greek statues only Psyche could qualify as a Broadway beauty, and even Psyche might appear a little plump and mature to the admirers of the human redbird.

Of course, every woman should fight ugliness to her last hour. She need not lose her beauty at any age. But one does not expect to pick snowdrops or crocuses from the fallen leaves of November, and it is just as futile to hope to look sixteen when you are forty.

The Beauty of Truth.

Only that which has character is beautiful.

Character is the essential truth of any natural object, whether ugly or beautiful; it is even what one might call a double truth, for it is the inner truth translated by the outer truth; it is the soul, the feelings, the idea, expressed by the features of a face, by the gestures, and actions of a human being, by the tones of a sky, by the line of a horizon.

Now, to the great artist, everything in nature has character; for the unswerving directions of his observation searches out the hidden meaning of all things.

There is nothing ugly in art except that which offers no outer or inner truth.—Rodin.

Origin of the Greek Church.

Apart from theological discussions, such as those rising from the addition of the words, "and the son," in the creed, the separation of the Latin and Greek churches may be traced to the founding of Constantinople and the political division of the Roman empire, according to a Bible student. Ignatius, patriarch of Constantinople, had been deposed, and was succeeded by Photius, who summoned a council of the East in 879, and passed sentence of excommunication on the bishop of Rome. The churches became reunited towards the end of the ninth century, and remained so until the middle of the eleventh century, when in 1054 Michael Cerularius, patriarch of the East, renewed the condemnation of the Latin church, and was in turn excommunicated by Pope Leo IX. Efforts toward reunion were made from time to time, and at Ferrara (1439) the Greek prelates signed a decree of union, but were forced by the people and clergy to repudiate it. Since then the two communions have remained separate.

Boa Constrictor May Be Trained.

There are several varieties of boa constrictors, the best known being the Giboia or land boa constrictor.

This is the smaller, and least vicious of the tribe. It is harmless and will not attack unless attacked, writes a correspondent. In fact, if caught young it may be tamed, and the natives of the Amazon valley frequently keep them around their houses instead of house cats, as they keep the place clear of rats, mice and other vermin, and even of larger marauding animals. You can buy these snakes in the markets of Para, Manaus and other North Brazilian ports, where they are offered for sale in boxes, like chickens or rabbits and the owner will haul them out and demonstrate them to you.

The water boa constrictor is the largest known snake in existence, growing to the length of thirty to forty feet and the thickness of a man's upper leg.

Women Catch Fish With Hands.

Fishing in Samoan seas is often done by the women, and without nets, boats or hooks. They simply wade into the water and form themselves into a ring. The fishes being so plentiful, they are almost sure to imprison some in the ring. These women are very quick and active, and every time they catch a fish with their hands they simply throw it, alive, into the basket on their back.

Translation of Y. M. C. A.

W. Gordon Griffiths of the Y. M. C. A. told an audience at Cetu that he was proud to be a Welshman although he was unable to speak the "language of Paradise." He had, however, learned one thing in Welsh and that was that the letters Y. M. C. A. may be translated to mean "Yma Mae Cyde Arderchog" ("Here is a splendid opportunity.")

Coffee a Nutrient.

Coffee is not a stimulant pure and simple, but a very considerable nutrient. Justus Liebig proved that, by taking equal lots of men, working in the salt mines, feeding one lot bread and meat, the other bread and coffee, and comparing results. The coffee squad did more work and came out in better shape than the meat eaters.

Buds and Flowers in Cooking.

The French Canadians are said to use the acid flowers of the redbud, or Judas tree, in salads, while the buds and tender pods are packed in vinegar. Honey locust pods, often locally called "honey-shucks," contain a sweetish, thick, cheese-like pulp, which is often eaten. Those of the mesquite furnish the Mexicans and Indians with a nutritious food. The Creoles of Louisiana, famous for their cookery, are reported to use the young buds of the sassafras as a substitute for okra in thickening soups.

Nova Scotia's Fish Army.

Nova Scotia is literally "the land of fish"—cod, herring, mackerel and the giant albacore or tuna. Nova Scotia is so much a land of fish, says a writer, that it produces over one-fourth the value of the entire Canadian catch, or \$9,166,851 worth. Every tiny haven around the extensive Bluenose Land coast harbors fishing smacks galore, while Lunenburg, Canso, Liverpool and Chester are home ports for hundreds of fleet-winged deep-sea banking schooners.

Reason and Emotion.

What a mysterious conflict that is between the reasoning power, which keeps pointing out the right road, and an ill-regulated emotional faculty, which seeks to draw one along the wrong road. Indulging the wrong habit always makes the upward path so much steeper and the downward path so much easier. How fortunate that man is whose false steps are arrested by a friendly touch of common sense disguised in a flash of satire!—Sir George Reid.

Nature Is Outwitted.

The man who invented the sewing machine achieved what he was after when he stopped trying to imitate the human hand. If you go into a factory you will see machines doing things which only human skill could do but a short time ago, but the processes are quite different from the manual method. The inventors have risen superior to the formulae that nature would seem to have laid down for them.

CHOPSTICKS ARE NOW PASSE

Chinese Insanitary Methods of Eating Affected by European and American Influences.

Fancy yourself a guest for the first time at a Chinese dinner. In front of you, as you seat yourself on your backless chair, are a small plate, a spoon for soups, and a pair of chopsticks. Of the intricacies of the manipulation of the latter nothing need here be said; it is a matter of practice. Each course is brought on in a large dish and placed in the center of the table. The service, then, is simple; each person serves himself, and the service is direct.

You will, and so will everybody else at that table, put your sticks into the dish in the center, convey therefrom food to your mouth, insert the sticks into your mouth as far as you choose, and return to the center dish for more. Nathaniel Puffer writes in World Outlook. By the time each guest has had three helpings it will require skillful maneuvering to get a piece that has not been touched over by sticks that have made at least two trips to at least one other person's mouth.

The sanitary consequences are obvious. As the chain is as strong as its weakest link, so the health of that company is as good as that of its sickest guest. And if you have been brought up under the tutelage of occidental doctors and have an uncomfortable knowledge of germs, your mind dwells uncomfortably as you eat, on the condition of your fellow-guests. If by chance your vis-a-vis remarks in passing that he has a bad cold, your hunger may be appeased quite suddenly.

Little by little, however, this is being changed. Today in the homes of many upper class Chinese, who have been educated in Europe or America or have come into contact with foreign influences, the system of individual dishes and individual service is coming more and more into use.

BOLIVIA'S CITY OF SILENCE

Santa Cruz De La Sierra Far From the Outside World—Mail Reaches New York in Two Months.

"The only tropical city of Bolivia it stands from 1,500 feet above sea level so far from the outside world that mail deposited on January 7 reached New York on March 11. Of the 19,000 inhabitants of Santa Cruz De La Sierra, 11,000 are female, writes Harry A. Franck in the Century.

"It is a city of silence. Spreading over a dead-flat, half-sandy, jungled plain, its right-angled streets are deep in reddish sand in which not only its shod feet, by no means in the majority, though the upper class is almost foppish in dress, but even the solid wooden wheels of its clumsy ox carts made not a sound. There is no modern industry to lend its strident voice, though the town boasts three 'stream establishments' for the making of ice, the grinding of maize and the sawing of lumber, and every street fades away at either end into the whispering jungle. Narrow sidewalks of porous red bricks, roofed by the wide overhanging eaves of the houses, often upheld by pillars or poles, line most of the streets. But these are by no means continuous, and being commonly high above the street level and often taken up entirely, especially on an evening, by the families, who consider this their veranda rather than the pedestrian's right of way, the latter generally finds it easier to plod through the sand of the street itself.

Rabbit Hair Supplants Wool.

Rabbit hair is supplanting wool in the felt hat making industry of Australia, where there are thirty factories in operation at present making use of rabbit fur for this purpose. It is said to be superior to the finest merino, and millions of rabbit skins are made use of annually.



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